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## General Comment

Dear EPA

Farm Credit of VA/WV has solicited my comments on behalf of farmers and land owners in these states. My wife and I own a small tree farm 120 ac in Madison County VA. Although we can understand their concerns we also support EPA's efforts in restoring the Bay.

What I have failed to see is a concerted effort on the part of EPA and land owners to sell their respective positions. A good salesman is worth his weight in gold. What I see is a lack of effort to spell out the benefits to all concerned.

In my case I would love to see the streams that flow through my property cleaned up to the point where they could support wildlife. Such an improvement not only improves the quality of life for the land owners and their families but increases the value of their property.

Further, where is the Fed's tax incentives for these land owners to invest in cleaning up their farms/Bay. VA has incentive programs for certain farm related activities... where is the Fed's. Even the land conservation/easement group has managed to obtain tax credits